

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## **Reports on Compliance and Internal Controls in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Requirements of OMB Circular A-133 and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

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Our cover is from the collection of the Worcester Art Museum, which opened in 1898. The institution, founded by Stephen Salisbury III “for the benefit of all the people,” today houses more than 35,000 works of art representing more than 50 centuries of creative spirit.

The internationally renowned collection is housed in thirty-five galleries and includes the largest and finest group of Antiochian mosaics in America, on display in the Renaissance Court. The Museum's twelfth-century Romanesque Chapter House - one of the first medieval structures transported to the New World - adjoins galleries which features paintings, frescoes and liturgical objects from the European middle ages.

In 1898 the Museum opened the first New England gallery solely devoted to the permanent display of American portrait miniatures. The Museum was among the first to exhibit and collect photographs as fine art. The photography collection has grown to over 2,000 images that span the entire history of the medium.



*Childe Hassam was born in Dorchester and cherished his New England heritage. Hassam was a member of the Boston Art Club and one of the founding members of a group of American artists known as the “Ten American Painters”, also known as The Ten.*

*He is quoted as saying “I was very fortunate, I think, in being brought up in Boston, which was the center of culture. I lived on Columbus Ave. in Boston. I was always interested in the movements of humanity in the street, and I painted my first picture from my window.”*

*Childe Hassam, American, 1859 - 1935, Columbus Avenue, Rainy Day, oil on canvas  
Bequest of Mrs. Charlotte E. W. Buffington, 1935-36  
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